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My dear Gray

Handwritten 1231K
C. Deane
Above is an order for £ 3.16.6 on the
Gardin des Plantes which you would very much oblige
me by receiving for me - I had intended receiving
it through Selmorin but missed the opportunity
At the exchange of ~~the~~ 25.00 this will make 95^{fr} 50^c
out of which I shall be obliged to you to give M^{rs}
Gray 50^{fr} which she has paid for M^{rs} Bentham and
some other small news she may want for some
little commissions she has kindly undertaken. - I have
also a commission to trouble you with - that is, to
procure for me a copy of Achille Richard's Flore
d'Egypte if it is to be had without the non-botanical
part of the work to which it is attached - I will give
you the remainder of the price of it as soon as you

come back if you will kindly advance it for me.

Since we have been in town I have not had time to look at any plants - even at Hooker's the two days we were there - The Great Exhibition occupies us in town and I have had a great deal of conversation with the Hookers & some others about Dr Joseph's affairs which I hope are now in excellent train - for giving him a footing at New - temporary at first - but which must lead to his permanent fixture there.

Every one is in admiration of the Great Exhibition which its most violent opponents dare not abuse now as they did before it opened - I only regret you were not here at the opening which truly was a grand sight.

We remain in town till the 20th when we return to Contreras and I shall immediately resume work I

hope to be very much fixed there the whole summer
during which we must have another visit
from you and Mr Gray

With kindest remembrances to be
believe me ever most sincerely yours

George Bentham

Mr. Bentham
(May 12, '57
London)

D. A. Gray
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à Paris

